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For : ANNEXIN PROTEINS AND AUTOANTIBODIES
AS SERUM MARKERS FOR CANCER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the
following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

--20. (New) A method of immunizing a host against an annexin protein,
annexin derived peptide or differentially modified annexin protein,
comprising inoculating the host with an annexin antigen in a
physiologically acceptable carrier, wherein immunization results in
a production of antibodies directed against said annexin antigen.

21. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the host is suffering from a
disease characterized by the overproduction of annexin protein.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the disease is cancer.
23. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the cancer is lung cancer.
24. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the annexin protein is Annexin I.
25. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the annexin protein is Annexin II.
26. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the annexin protein is a modified protein. --